

**WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Selectmen Sackett called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Select Board Members Present: Charlie Chandler, Todd Bixby and Chuck Sackett

Staff/Officials Present: Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Fire Chief – Art Heath, Treasurer – Sheila Foote, WWSB Chairman – Don Bagley, Deputy Tax Collector – Marlene Wright

Public Present: Pete Lees, Janet Proost, Jeff Houle, Nancy Peal, Jeffrey Peal, and Jeremy Hair

C. Sackett led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST: C. Sackett *moved approval of the manifest. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: C. Sackett *moved approval of the August 11 meeting minutes. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. T. Bixby moved approval of the August 25 meeting minutes. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pete Lees addressed the Board about his concerns with the volume of the speaker system at Moose Hillock Campground, noting that the loudest event of the summer occurred last weekend. Mr. Lees informed the Board that campground ownership had informed him that they were hiring an audio engineer to review the problem. Mr. Lees noted that he called the police on August 26 and again September 2 due to the noise. Jeff Houle, who owns a seasonal place near the campground also shared his concerns, noting that there was never a problem until this year due to the increased volume. Janet Proost, a resident of Breezy Point Road, reported that she can also hear the campground entertainment. Selectman Chandler addressed the concerned residents, stating that Warren does not have a noise ordinance and that the potentially enforceable state statute is remarkably vague. Selectman Sackett also expressed that if you need to get ahold of the Police Chief to report a non-emergency problem, please call Grafton County Dispatch, 603-787-6911, so that Chief receives the report sooner than if it had been reported other ways. The Selectmen discussed and encouraged any resident to present a Petitioned Warrant Article for Town Meeting 2022.

Janet Proost also addressed the Board with concerns about Breezy Point Road. She

stated that she did not think the construction improved the road. Selectman Chandler and the Administrator noted that the work was not complete and that hopefully, Ms. Proost would be more satisfied once the job is complete. She cited concerns with dust control due to the reclamation, as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Sheila Foote provided a report to the Board for review.

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$579,867.82 after tonight's approved manifest total of \$156,984.49.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$380,075.85.

C. Sackett moved acknowledgement of the Treasurer's Report. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes and the motion passed 3-0-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The Tax Collector provided receipts to the Board for review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Art Heath reported a call for an outside fire on August 28, unfounded. Chief Heath reported a motor vehicle accident, no injuries that occurred on August 29. Finally, Chief Heath reported that the FD was called out for trees on wires and relayed the message to the COOP for removal.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief John Semertgakis was not at the meeting but offered a report of recent activity to the Board of Selectmen. Medical Assist, Libbey Lane; report from WWAS of a resident abusing the 9-1-1 system. Followed up with the resident. OHRV complaint, Route 25, Glencliff; report of an OHRV youth operator not using proper safety equipment. Visited residence to have a conversation with subject and parent about OHRV laws. Assist other agency, Piermont; went to assist Piermont PD with multiple vehicle crash scene with multiple injuries. Motor Vehicle Collision, Route 25; SP responded to a motor vehicle collision in front of AppleKnocker's with airbag deployment. VIN verification, Studio Rd.; VIN check on antique truck. Civil Issue, Station Road; ongoing domestic/civil issue between couple, no criminal action taken. Road Hazard, Beech Hill Road; Tractor-trailer unit stuck on phone lines, road closed for a short period. Consolidated Communications returned to service. Alarm activation, AppleKnocker's; SP took a report of alarm activation, apparent false alarm. VIN Verification, Station Road; VIN Check on a homemade trailer.

29 Motor Vehicle Stops, 4 Citations

TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:

The Manager, George Russell was not present at the meeting but provided the Select Board a report of recent activity.

Grounds: G. Russell reported that he cleared out the old Selectboard meeting room for contractors. They have started working on the new office space for Police Chief John and the shared office space. Helped the RA cut pavement for culverts on Pine Hill. Still mowing as needed.

Transfer Station: G. Russell reported that 4 attendants received training for their solid waste operator license renewal. Still working on shipping out our cardboard. Baled 1 additional cardboard bale. the scrap metal and aluminum cans brought \$731.82. The transfer attendants are watching webinars and being trained for their licensure renewals. 1 bale of card board was been bale.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

The Town Administrator reported that he would be attending the virtual Budget & Finance workshop hosted by NHMA. He sought and received permission from the Board to contact St. Jean auctioneer regarding the potential sale of Town owned property. The Administrator reported that the Town will begin revising the Hazard Mitigation Plan and welcomed anyone interested to join them. He hopes to the first version of a purchasing policy available for review, as soon as, the next meeting. The Town Administrator also shared that he had been in contact with DES regarding the Brownsfield Assessment application for the Jameson store. He received an additional application to complete and return. The softball team reached out to receive permission to work on the infield as the Sanford Memorial Field. The Board agreed. The Town Administrator also reported that he had heard from the SMSWD that they did not accept the Town's old emergency generator. The Administrator shared that George Russell has requested to contract with Pemi-River Fuel for propane and #2 fuel for the upcoming year. C. Chandler moved approval to enter into contract with Pemi-River Fuel for propane and #2 fuel. C. Sackett seconded the motion. *Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and Chandler – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Report of Cut for Timber Operation # 20-465-04T.

OLD BUSINESS:


- a) Pine Hill Road Project: The Town Administrator reported that the culvert project was scheduled to begin on Thursday and Friday.
- b) The Town Administrator reported that he was still working to set a date with Eunice and her family.
- c) The Town Clerk stated she was available to meet with the Board any evening. The Town Administrator also mentioned that she was going to a conference and meeting with the vendor.


CORRESPONDENCE: The recent correspondence was reviewed by the Town Administrator.

ADJOURN:

T. Bixby moved the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes and the motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM.


Chairman, Charles Chandler


Selectman, Todd Bixby

Selectman, Charles Sackett, Jr.